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from greater than 1.0% to less than 15.0% tungsten; from greater than 1.0% to less than 10.0% molybdenum; from greater than 0.0% to less than 10.0% vanadium; from greater than 0.0% to less than 10.0% niobium; from greater than 0.0% to less than 20.0% percent cobalt; from greater than 0.0% to less than 5.0% boron; from greater than 10.0% to less than 50.0% iron; from greater than or equal to 0.0% to less than or equal to 6.0% zirconium; from greater than 2 to less than 6.5% manganese; and from greater than or equal to 0.0% to less than 1.0% silicon."

Remarks

The Examiner has indicated that the present application is in condition for allowance except it lacks the required Abstract. In view of the above submitted Abstract, which is fully supported by current claim 1 of the application, Applicant submits that the application is in now in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

If any fee is due in conjunction with the filing of this response, Applicant authorizes deduction of that fee from Deposit Account 06-0308.

Respectfully submitted,

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